granted in particular cases, will the Government re-consider the situation and recover those remissions and also proceed against the officers that recommended the remissions ?

Second Member of Council.—

If an Excise demand falls due, we write to the Revenue Department. They attach and auction the properties of the party from whom the amount is due. Even after that if collection becomes impossible, we give remissions.

Mr. Tudiki Ramanna.—

Among the present cases, did any of the contractors themselves apply for remission ?

Second Member of Council.—

The cases under consideration do not concern those who applied for remissions.

MESSRS. D. S. MALLAPPA and M. BASAVIAH (Tiptur Taluk) and G. K. MALLAPPA (Tiptur Municipality).—

Q.—28. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) When the Davangere disturbances (recent) took place and on what dates the different provincial officers went to the spot and who they are and what sort of enquiries they made into the conduct of the officers who resorted to firing ?

(*b*) How many times was firing resorted to and in what places and the reason for resorting to firing so often?

(*c*) Who are all the persons that handled fire-arms that day ?

(*d*) When did the Government take definite steps to investigate the responsibility of the officers who resorted to firing and what are those steps ?

(*e*) What part did the local officers (whose conduct has yet to be investigated) take in the investigation of cases connected with the disturbances ?

(*f*) Subsequent to firing, what steps were taken by the local Police and the Magistracy to prevent a breach of the peace in the place ?

(*g*) Who were all the officers that were in the town when the provincial officers went to the town and who are all the officers that left the place before the provincial

officers went to the place and did those officers who left the place obtain permission from higher officers to leave the place ?

(*h*) What precautionary measures were taken, both by the district and local officers, during the *Moharum* to prevent likelihood of breach of peace as there had occurred a communal riot a few months previous to the recent disturbances in the place ?

(*i*) What was the duration of the firing and how many shots were fired and of what nature were they ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT.—

A.—28. (*a*) to (*i*). The incidents connected with the riot are *sub judice* and no reply can be given.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

How is the question relating to the firing incident *sub judice* ?

Secretary to Government, Law Department.—

Because firing is part of the action taken to put down the disturbances.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Have Government taken action against those who fired at the crowd ?

Secretary to Government, Law Department.—

No. It need not be presumed that those who fired are offenders.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

How is this matter *sub judice* ?

Second Member of Council.—

You cannot separate incidents like that.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Were not judicial proceedings instituted relating to firing, simultaneously with an inquiry by a Committee in connection with the Bangalore Disturbances ?

Second Member of Council.—

The two matters are quite different.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Did not many things come to light as a result of such enquiry by the Committee ?

Second Member of Council.—

We cannot answer such general questions in this connection. When connected cases are before courts of law, it is not proper to raise such questions in the constitutional Houses. That may prejudice the course of law and the courts themselves may be embarrassed.

Mr. Yelandur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

Has it come to the notice of Government that preparations were going on on one side for some time before the disturbances actually took place?

Second Member of Council.—

Those are all matters connected with the Judicial enquiry and Government are not prepared to answer such questions.

Mr. Srinivasa Iyengar.—

Have the local officers made any report that preparations were going on?

Second Member of Council.—

Government are not prepared to answer the question.

Mr. S. V. Gurumurthiacharya.—

Why could not the Government say what steps were taken by the Police and other local officers in regard to firing?

Second Member of Council.—

That is also a matter connected with the enquiry.

Mr S. V. Gurumurthiacharya.—

What is the difficulty in stating who were the provincial officers that visited the place?

Secretary to Government, Law Department.—

It is not possible to say.

First Member of Council.—

With regard to the various parts of the original question, I may state that some of them could have been answered, but as all of them are inter-related it was considered not advisable to separate and answer only a few of them.

Mr. S. V. Gurumurthiacharya.—

Will the report of the Special Officer be placed before this House at the next session at least?

Secretary to Goverment, Law Department.—

When the matter ceases to be *sub judice*, members will be at liberty to put any questions.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

What time would it take to get the connected cases disposed of by the courts?

Second Member of Council.—

We cannot say.

Mr. B. P Basappa Setty.—

Have Government received the report of Mr. D'Souza?

Second Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

Will the Government place it before the Assembly?

Second Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

When a similar question came up before the Legislative Council, the Government gave some information. Cannot the same thing be done now?

Second Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya. –

At the time the Special Officer was appointed was the matter *sub judice* or not?

Second Member of Council.—

He was appointed to conduct something like a confidential departmental enquiry.

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya.—

I want to know whether the matter was *sub judice* or not.

Secretary to Government, Law Department.-

I want notice.

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya.—

Had not the Government confidence in the judicial enquiry?

Second Member of Council.—

Some matters come to light as a result of the judicial enquiry. Other matters come under departmental enquiry.

First Member of Council.—

The question of *sub judice* does not arise as there is no publication. Government deputed an officer to report on some matters about which they wanted information.

Mr C. Narasimhaiya.—

When all information could be got by judicial enquiry, was there any necessity to ascertain it otherwise?

First Member of Council.—

Yes.

MESSRS. S. SORAPPA (Sira Taluk), M. ESUFF KHAN SAB (Sira Municipality).—

Q.—29. Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of Government grant sanctioned to each of the municipalities in the State for the year 1929-30?